

**Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division**  
**Status Update: June 14, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

**State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**

The SEOC opened today at 7 a.m. and includes personnel with the MSP/EMHSD and several state departments including Agriculture (MDA), Community Health (MDCH), Environmental Quality (DEQ), Military and Veterans Affairs (MDVA), Natural Resources (DNR), State Police (MSP), and Transportation (MDOT). A FEMA Region V liaison is also present.

A conference call was held today at 8 a.m. with SEOC personnel and representatives from the five jurisdictions included in the Governor's Declarations. The purpose of this call was to identify the most critical public safety / health mission assignments for state agencies so that timely direct assistance can be provided to the declared areas.

The SEOC shut down today at 7 p.m. and will be activated tomorrow at 7 a.m. with MSP/EMHSD staff only. State agencies will be called in as needed.

**State Agency Responses**

MDOT will be conducting additional damage assessments of affected state highways and transportation infrastructure over the next two to three days; however, those assessments cannot begin until after the flood waters begin to recede. The North Region Delivery Engineer is working directly with Mason County Road Commission for staging, equipment, and employee activity to begin immediately. MDOT is temporarily relieving city of Saginaw of their contract of MDOT roadways to allow them to concentrate on their debris clearance situation. MDOT is working to identify state coordinator lead to assist the local road authorities with debris clearance and road repair operations on Monday, June 16 in Eaton County and Delta Township.

The MDA issued a press release this past week about food safety and the public after a power outage. The EOC representative is making contacts with affected counties to determine damaged sites and needs related to the drain systems. MDA will be working specifically with Allegan County on Monday to help assess county drains. The available department assets were identified.

The MDCH has activated the Region 6 Medical Coordination Center to monitor possible health and medical concerns. The available department assets were identified.

The DEQ determined a response to a request for burn permit advice for toxic material (downed buildings). No amendments have been made to the current Governor's declaration to allow burning of toxic materials at this time and that advice was passed on to requestor. The Mill Pond Dam in Clare County was inspected by MDEQ to the county's satisfaction and the Hamlin Lake Dam in Mason County was also inspected and is being monitored by MDEQ.

The MDVA will be assisting the City of Lansing with debris removal operations beginning Monday morning.

The DNR has temporarily closed Ludington State Park due to the heavy rain and flooding that occurred as a result of the June 12-13 storm event. Mitchell State Park in Cadillac, which had been temporarily closed as well, was reopened for camping after conditions there improved.

**Governor's Declarations under 1976 PA 390, as amended:**

On June 13, Governor Granholm signed five separate "state of emergency" proclamations to mobilize direct state resources to assist Allegan, Eaton, and Mason counties and the cities of Lansing and Saginaw to address immediate threats to public health and safety.

**Local Declarations**

Eaton County (June 8)  
City of Lansing (June 8)  
Ottawa County (June 9)  
Delta Township (June 9)  
Allegan County (June 10, submitted June 11 to MSP/EMHSD)  
Saginaw County (June 11)  
Osceola County (June 11)

Barry County (June 12)  
Lake County (June 13)  
Mason County (June 13)

**Governor's Declarations- June 13**

- Allegan County
- Eaton County
- Mason County
- City of Lansing
- City of Saginaw

**Pending Requests for a Governor's Declaration**

- Osceola County
  - Requested June 11, request pending
- Ottawa County
  - Requested June 13, request pending

**Storm Related Fatalities**

There are six confirmed fatalities resulting from the severe weather on June 6-8, 2008. Three fatalities in Ottawa County, two fatalities in Allegan County, and one fatality in Delta Township (Eaton County). There are two fatalities confirmed in Argentine Township (Genesee County) on June 9 as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator located in the home used during an electricity outage.

A vehicle submerged in the Thornapple River in Kent County today at 4:30 a.m. resulting in one fatality. Reports indicate the car went into the river and traveled about 200 yards downstream from where it left the road. There is a strong current in the river due to increased water levels from recent rain.